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NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE



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GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF CAMP PENDLETON MARINE

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Jose A. Galvan of San Antonio, TX:

"Serving in our nation's armed forces is a dangerous yet noble cause. Cpl. Galvan committed himself to protecting the United States and made the ultimate sacrifice for our safety. Maria and I will keep Jose's family in our prayers as they grieve this terrible loss."

Galvan, 22, died Nov. 5 as a result of injuries sustained while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

In honor of Cpl. Galvan, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



November 17, 2006

GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF PACOIMA SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Angel De Jesus Lucio Ramirez of Pacoima, CA:

"As a proud member of the United States armed forces, Sgt. Ramirez set an example of courage and determination that all Californians can admire. Maria and I offer our deepest condolences to Angel's loved ones during their time of mourning. His courageous example will live on in our hearts."

Ramirez, 22, died Nov. 11 as a result of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 16th

Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Giessen, Germany.

In honor of Sgt. Ramirez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



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GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF LA PUENTE MARINE

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Mario D. Gonzalez of La Puente, CA:

"Lance Cpl. Gonzalez stood proudly beside his fellow Marines and served his country with courage and honor. Maria and I extend our heartfelt sympathies to Mario's family and friends. His contributions are the embodiment of selfless service and California is forever indebted."

Gonzalez, 21, died Nov. 14 as a result of injuries sustained while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

In honor of Lance Cpl. Gonzalez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



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GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF PLACENTIA SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Jang H. Kim of Placentia, CA:

"Pfc. Kim risked his life to protect the freedoms of millions of Americans. Jang's loved ones have lost a devoted family member and our country has lost a valiant soldier. Maria and I send our thoughts and prayers to his family during this painful time."

Kim, 20, died Nov. 13 as a result of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

In honor of Pfc. Kim, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



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GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF ONTARIO SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. 1st Class Rudy A. Salcido of Ontario, CA:

"Losing members of our nation's armed forces is a painful reminder of the sacrifices made for our freedoms. Maria and I wish to express our deepest sympathies to Rudy's family, friends and fellow soldiers. He died with honor and we will remember his service with gratitude."

Salcido, 31, died Nov. 9 as a result of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1114th Transportation Company, Bakersfield, CA.

In honor of Sgt. 1st Class Salcido, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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